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**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of )  
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                             KUMAR et al.     ) Art Unit: 1637  
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                             Application No. 10/072,666     ) Examiner: Suryaprabha Chunduru  
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                             Filing Date: February 8, 2002     ) Confirmation No. 3290  
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                             For: DETECTION METHOD USING     )  
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   DISSOCIATED ROLLING CIRCLE     )  
   AMPLIFICATION     )

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.  
 Customer Number 23859

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Two Months   | \$420.00   | (\$210.00)*   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Three Months | \$950.00   | (\$475.00)*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Four Months  | \$1,480.00 | (\$740.00)*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Five Months  | \$2,010.00 | (\$1,005.00)* |

\* Small Entity

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A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$475.00, representing the fee for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), and a Response to Office Action are enclosed. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.

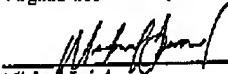


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Date